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Honorable Alex Kozinski
Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals
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Dear Judge Kozinski:

The purpose of my letter is to let you know that I plan to retire effective June 30, 2015, and to ask that you initiate the appointment process to fill the position I am vacating. Without a doubt, being a bankruptcy judge in the Western District of Washington has been the best job I have ever had. During my time on the bench, I have enjoyed the assistance of the finest and most dedicated chambers staff a judge could have; support from a hardworking and efficient court clerk and staff; friendship and mentoring from an experienced and collegial group of current and former judicial colleagues; the comfort of a courthouse where Article I and III judges and staff make collegiality a priority; a district in which lawyers who appear in our courts are competent and give generously to their community; and, last but not least, a circuit which trains, supports and respects its bankruptcy judges and courts like no other.

After a wonderful 20-year "ride" with the courts, I think the time has come to begin the next chapter of my life and to let some other lucky lawyer experience the joy and privilege I have experienced serving in the federal judiciary. Please let me know how I can be of assistance in the appointment process.

Very truly yours,



Karen A. Overstreet
United States Bankruptcy Judge

cc: Chief Judge Paul B. Snyder, United States Bankruptcy Court
Chief Judge Marsha J. Pechman, United States District Court
Mark Hatcher, Clerk of Court
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